

REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests allowance of the subject application.

Election/Restriction

The Office Action sets forth a restriction requirement under 35 U.S.C. §121, and requires the election of one of the following groups for prosecution on the merits:

- I. Group 1, pertaining to Claims 1-5;
- II. Group 2, pertaining to Claims 11-44; and
- III. Group 3, pertaining to Claims 6-10 and 45-53.

Applicant respectfully elects Group 3, encompassing Claims 6-10 and 45-53, without traverse.

Conclusion

Favorable consideration and an early notice of allowance are respectfully requested. If any issue remains unresolved that would prevent allowance of this case, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned attorney to resolve the issue.

Respectfully submitted,

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